

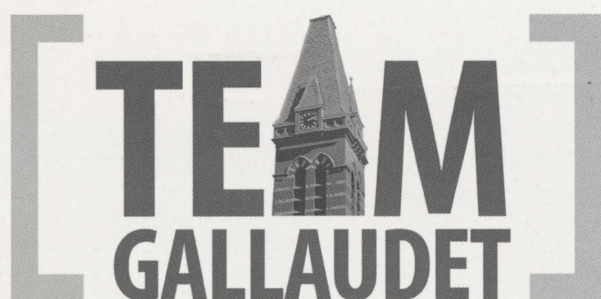
## Gallaudet Fact—

Q. Gallaudet lore has it that Gallaudet once kept cows on campus and served their milk in the campus cafeteria. One thing was strange about the milk that these cows produced. What was it?

Answer on page 2.

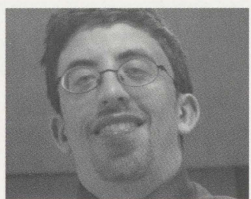


Congressman Ray LaHood (R-Ill.) came to Gallaudet on March 21 on an invitation from President Davila. LaHood (center) has served on Gallaudet's Board of Trustees as a congressional appointee for 12 years. Representing a district that includes the Illinois School for the Deaf, LaHood already had knowledge of the deaf community when he was appointed to Gallaudet's board by then-Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich. LaHood asked to meet with students from his state of Illinois during the recent visit. Over a breakfast in the President's Office, LaHood told the eight students some of the memorable moments of his 13-year tenure in Congress. Significant moments included the events of September 11, 2001, and the experience of being part of the majority party in Congress and then in the minority and serving proudly with Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), the first woman to be elected speaker of the house. Following the breakfast, Dr. Davila gave the congressman his own pens bearing the Gallaudet logo in appreciation of LaHood's work and support of Gallaudet. In addition to serving as a trustee, the congressman maintains a strong relationship with Gallaudet and often sponsors visits tours of the U.S. Capitol for groups from Gallaudet. Congressman LaHood's visit marked his first meeting with Dr. Davila, but not his first visit to Gallaudet. His last visit was in April of 2005, when he also met with students from his home state. Here, LaHood accepts the gift from Dr. Davila with students from Illinois and Interim Provost Michael Moore (right center).



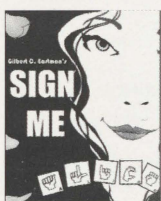
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## Organization of Equity for African Americans plans to revive advocacy coalition



Following the February 28 lecture sponsored by the Organization of Equity for African Americans (OEAA), guest speaker Willie Brown (center), president of the Black Faculty and Staff Association, University of Maryland (U-Md.), met with members of the OEAA (from left): Mark Amissah, employment/internship advisor, Career Center; Dottie Bass, assistant director of outreach and programming in U-Md.'s Office of Multi-ethnic Student Education; Brown; Eileen Matthews, associate dean, CAPSS; and Angela Bass, program coordinator in Human Relations at U-Md.

The Organization of Equity for African Americans (OEAA) made steps to increase its image on campus with a February 28 lecture by Willie Brown, president of the University of Maryland's Black Faculty and Staff Association.

Brown stressed the importance of equal opportunity in career advancement as well as student recruitment and retention, and encouraged the 40

attendees to pursue their effort in establishing a relationship with University administrators.

OEAA mirrors this sentiment. According to its mission statement, the organization is dedicated to "enhancing the identity, sense of community, educational equity, professional development, and well-being of African American students, faculty, and staff."

Established in 1993, OEAA became inactive due to the closing of the Northwest Campus. OEAA

plans to work closely with the current administration to foster an all inclusive environment.

Mark Amissah, internship/employment advisor in the Career Center and a member of OEAA, said, "OEAA recognizes that talents and abilities on our campus pulled together could make Gallaudet University resourceful on deaf education of African American diaspora and diversity." ■

## Deaf family physician settling in at the Student Health Service



Dr. Carolyn Stern

Gallaudet is proud to announce that Dr. Carolyn Stern, believed to be the world's first deaf female family physician, is now on duty at the Student Health Service.

The University shares Stern's expertise with the Rochester (N.Y.) School for the Deaf, where she serves as medical director two to four days a month. She is on duty Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays at Gallaudet, then takes a flight back to Rochester to be at home with her husband and three children and to work at the school. She and her husband also have a website, [www.deafdoc.org](http://www.deafdoc.org), that provides health information in ASL and voice, and eventually all messages will be captioned. In addition, Stern provides medical interpreting workshops and healthcare provider education and consulting regarding healthcare access for deaf and hard of hearing people.

Stern, who was born deaf, said that she "functioned as a hard of hearing individual until after medical school was over." She was mainstreamed, graduated from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, and went to Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago, Ill. Although Stern learned some sign language in

high school, it was not until she was in medical school that she became fluent in ASL, taking classes and interacting with deaf patients.

Word quickly got around Chicago's deaf community that a deaf woman was practicing in the field of family medicine, delivering babies and providing health care to children and adults. When Stern opened her own practice, "I saw about 350 to 500 deaf and hard of hearing patients and families," she said.

Stern said she isn't sure when the desire to become a doctor struck her. Although her parents were strong advocates for higher education for all their children, no one in her immediate family is in the medical field. "It was probably when I took anatomy and physiology and had to dissect a cat! That was my senior year in high school," she said.

Stern described medical school as "fun, but tough." She relied on interpreting services in situations such as group meetings, classrooms, hospital rounds, and surgery, but she found that she could generally handle meeting one-on-one with hearing patients. "Most (patients) were great," she said. "I think they liked it that I had to look at them when they were talking to me, as opposed to looking in the (medical) chart the whole time."

The number of deaf physicians is growing, said Stern; she estimates that there are probably 40 physicians who identify themselves as deaf. She encourages other deaf people who have the interest to follow in their footsteps. But she has a few tips: "It is important to be flexible and have a good sense of humor," she said, and perhaps most importantly, to have plenty of support. "If it was not for my friends, family, interpreters, and other people, I would not have gotten this far. Of course, it helps if you study hard and get some experience to be sure that medicine is right for you."

Stern is a newcomer at Student Health Service, having started her duties on March 5, but she has found a welcoming environment. "So far, so good!" she said. "Everyone has been nice and helpful." ■



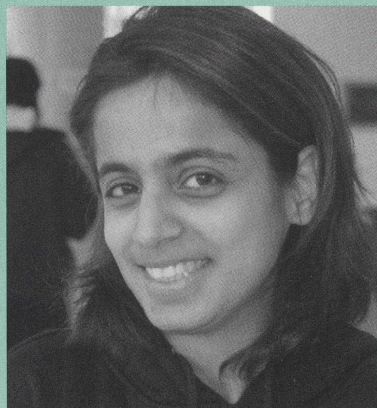
## Roving Reporter

What was the best April Fool's Day joke you ever played on someone, or that someone played on you?



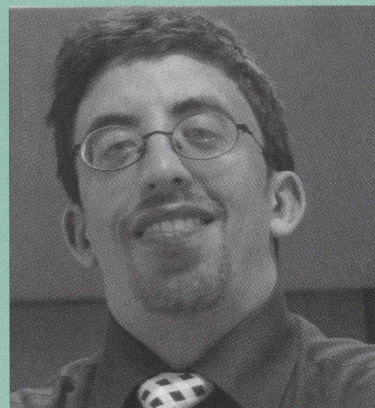
Putting a rubber band on the kitchen sink sprayer so the next person to turn on the faucet gets a shower. My husband first got me with that one, and I've done it to other people now, too.

Kimberly Prestidge, student



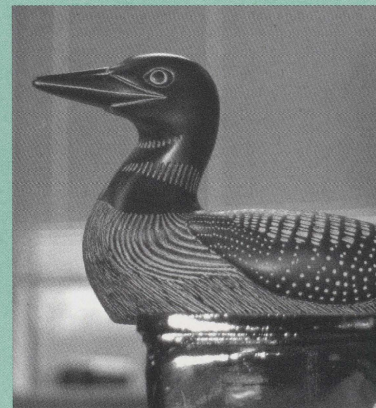
In class on April Fool's Day, my professor came in and told us we would all get Fs. Most of the class knew he was joking but I was really worried. He really got me!

Salima Ali, student



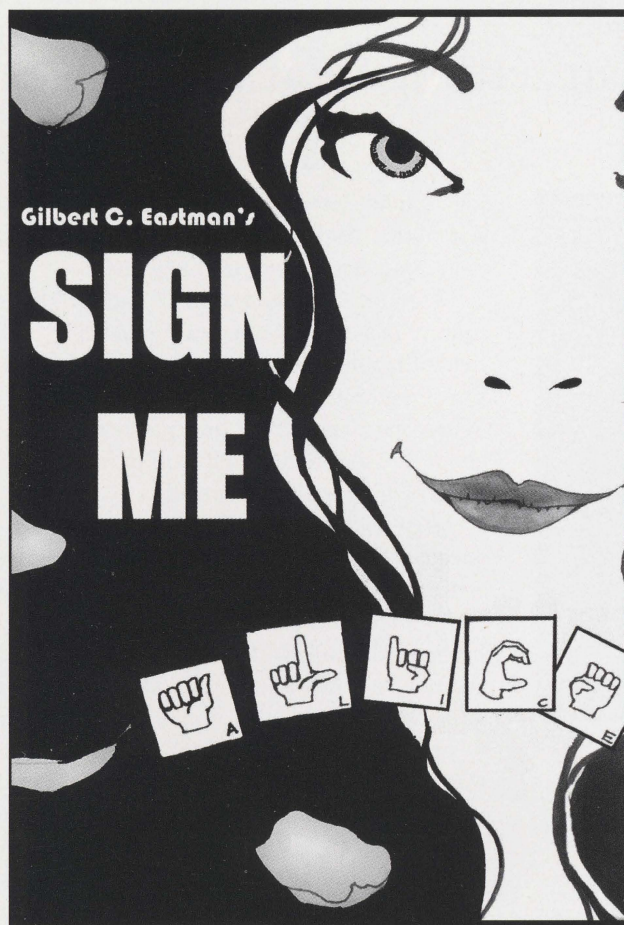
When I was about 8 years old, I set my family's clocks ahead three hours. My dad got up and thought he missed work and we all missed school!

Micah Brown, lecturer,  
Department of Government and  
History



Let's see, I do quite a few rotten things. I threaten to toss students out windows, explain that I'm paid a bonus for every F I give out, and accuse the sweetest, most innocent students in class of spending their every free moment swilling beer. You want a picture of me naked, or the loon?

David Pancost, chair,  
Department of English



## Theatre Arts presents 'Sign me Alice'

**S**ign Me Alice is based on George Bernard Shaw's *Pygmalion*, as was Alan Jay Lerner's *My Fair Lady*. It is about the life of deaf people living in the world of hearing people. The heroine does not ask for pity but for the right to the deaf person's choice: sign language.

The late Dr. William C. Stokoe, Jr., made the following statement about the play in 1974: "Sign Me Alice is a delightful comedy. It is an affirmation too, that language used naturally need not fit fusty pedantic definitions of it to be a real language. By writing this play and by writing it in American Sign Language, Gilbert Eastman has joined an illustrious company of originators."

Performances will be in Elstad Auditorium. Performance dates and times: April 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, and 13 at 8 p.m., and April 14 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Shows, with the exception of April 7 and 13, will be voice interpreted.

Tickets: Full-time Gallaudet students/one free ticket with ID; non-Gallaudet students with ID and groups of 10 people or more/\$8; adults/\$10.

A new service, [www.ticketleap.com](http://www.ticketleap.com), allows theater patrons to purchase tickets online with a credit card.

Gallaudet students and patrons paying by cash or check can reserve their tickets online and pay for/pick-up their tickets during Box Office window hours.

Elstad Auditorium Box Office dates and times: 2 to 5 p.m., April 2, 3, 4, 9, and 10; 6 to 8 p.m., April 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, and 13; noon to 2 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., April 14.

To order tickets, call x5500 (Voice) x5502 (TTY); email [theatre.tickets@gallaudet.edu](mailto:theatre.tickets@gallaudet.edu); or go to the website, [depts.gallaudet.edu/theatre](http://depts.gallaudet.edu/theatre). ■

## Ask Cousin Sally

Dear Cousin Sally,

I don't work in HMB, but I ride the Gallaudet shuttle with people who do. Almost every day, someone complains about having to walk all the way around the Sorenson Language and Communication Center construction site when they get dropped off at Benson Hall. Others complain that they have to go through HMB to walk from the mall area to northern parts of campus, and vice versa. I wish there was some way to tell them to suck it up. I think they should enjoy the extra exercise, and anyone who has to walk through HMB gets a nice change of scenery.

Cousin Sally, I think you're just the person to tell the people to keep a stiff upper lip about this. It's not as bad as they think,

and it's worth it for the new, deaf-friendly building we'll have when construction is complete.

Not Afraid of a Little Cardio

Not Afraid,

I think you said it just fine, and with far better words than this farmer bumpkin could come up with! Thank you kindly for your thoughts. Let's hope those bellyachers will read your comments and change their ways.

Have a question for Cousin Sally?  
Email it to [cousin.sally@gallaudet.edu](mailto:cousin.sally@gallaudet.edu)

## Gallaudet Fact—

**A.** According to alumni accounts, the cows grazed on garlic, which gave the milk a rather unappetizing flavor. The area where the cows grazed was first known—appropriately—as Garlic Field, and was dedicated as Hotchkiss Field in 1924. However, cows continued to graze there and produce their peculiar milk for years afterward.

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## Campus Calendar

### March

**30**—Undergraduate Open House, all day, various campus locations; Deadline to submit winners' and presenters' names for 2007 Awards Day online at [depts.gallaudet.edu/awards-day](http://depts.gallaudet.edu/awards-day); Gallaudet Dance Company Spring Dance Concert, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Foster Auditorium

**31**—Bison Softball Invitational Tournament, Hoy Field; Gallaudet Dance Company Spring Dance Concert, 7:30 p.m., Foster Auditorium; Men's baseball, 1 p.m., Hoy Field

### April

**2**—Monthly PFLAG meeting, 7:30-9 p.m., HMB S135

**5**—Library workshop: Does the Library Have This Journal? 4-5 p.m., JSAC 1212; Miss and Mr. International Gallaudet, 6 p.m., JSAC MPR

**5-7**—*Sign Me Alice*, 8 p.m. each day, Elstad Auditorium

**6**—Deadline to register or sign up as a volunteer for DHHIG's National Training Conference at [www.dhhig.org/ntc](http://www.dhhig.org/ntc);

**11-14**—*Sign Me Alice*, 8 p.m. each day (also at 2 p.m. on April 14), Elstad Auditorium

**11**—Deaf Professional Panel: Deaf or No Deaf, noon-1 p.m., JSAC MPR

**12**—FYE teleconference #2: Teaching and Learning with Technology, 1-3 p.m., JSAC 1011; Library Workshop: Deaf Biographies, 4-5 p.m., 1212

**13**—UnityFest 2007, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Gallaudet Mall

**17**—Career Center Internship Hall of Fame and Mattivi Award, 1 p.m. at Career Center (JSAC 2221) and 4 p.m. at Awards Day; Awards Day, 4-6 p.m., GUKCH Swindells Auditorium

**19**—Celebration of Gallaudet University's birthday, noon-1 p.m., JSAC Market Place; Library Workshop: Copyright, 4-5 p.m., JSAC 1212

**20**—Undergraduate Open House, all day, various campus locations; Presentation by *Funny in Farsi* author Firoozeh Dumas, noon, Elstad Auditorium; Sixth Annual Charter Day Presentation, noon, Foster Auditorium

## Clerc Center Happenings

### Clerc Center to host Third Annual Honors Camp

This summer, the Clerc Center's Honors Program will host Summit 2007: Today's Learners, Tomorrow's Leaders. The program will run from June 24 to July 3 and will offer participants valuable learning experiences in the areas of higher-level academics and leadership skills.

Summit 2007 is open to deaf and hard of hearing students from around the country who are currently in Grades 9 through 12. They will take part in a wide variety of activities, including Advanced Placement preview classes, honors-level academic workshops, leadership discussions and simulations, a journey through deaf history, and a weekend tour of Washington, D.C. Program activities will be held at various locations of the Clerc Center, and students will be housed in the MSSD dormitories.

"We are very excited about the success of the Summit honors camp over the past two years and thrilled to be able to offer the camp again," said Daniel Dukes, manager of the Clerc Center's Honors Program. "Last year we had 18 students return for a second time to the Summit camp, and some of these students have already expressed interest in coming back a third year! We will be working hard to provide new, exciting, and challenging activities for all the 2007 participants."

The application deadline for Summit 2007 is May 15. Enrollment is limited to the first 50 students who register and pay the camp fee. For registration, cost, accommodations, transportation, and other information, please visit [clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/Honors/summit.html](http://clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/Honors/summit.html). ■

## Administration & Finance

### DPS—Help us help you

We all know that we have a Department of Public Safety (DPS) on this campus, but some of us may not be aware of the services that DPS provides to the community.

DPS' primary concern is the safety and security of members of the Gallaudet community and visitors to our campus. The DPS staff provides an array of services for individuals or groups to ensure their safety and security.

One fact DPS would like to bring to the campus community's attention is that Gallaudet has recently experienced a rise in thefts of personal belongings and office equipment on the campus. In most of the thefts, DPS finds that the crime occurred because offices were vacant, doors were unlocked, and the items left unattended.

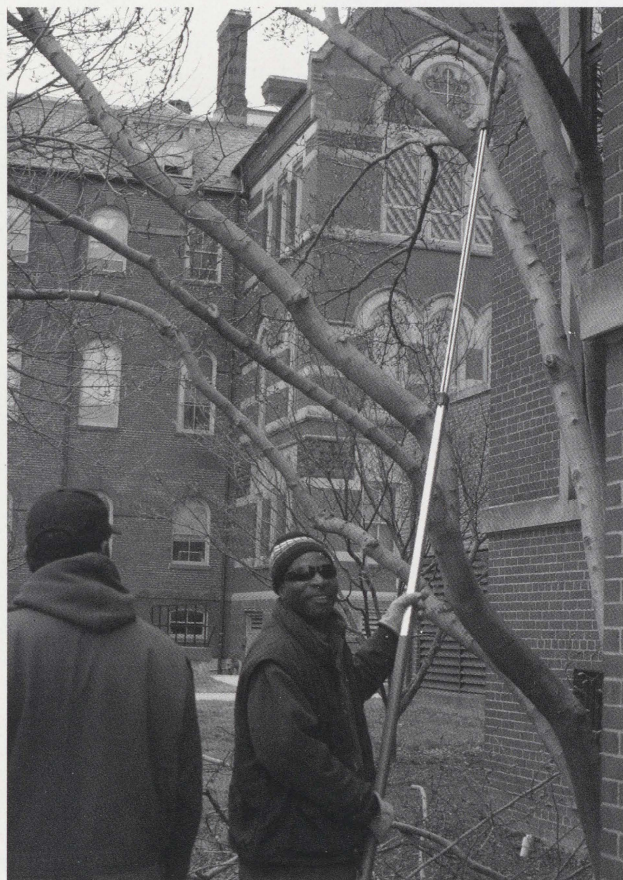
DPS asks that everyone be aware of their surroundings at all times, be sure to lock their doors when they leave their office, and secure personal items. If an office is on the first floor and is easily accessible by window, it is a good idea to close and lock the window as well as have the shades drawn when the individual is not in the office. It is also a good idea to place items that are easily removable (such as a purse or laptop) out of sight when stepping out of the office. These

preventative and relatively simple steps will reduce the likelihood that a theft will occur.

DPS has officers walking and driving around the campus 24 hours a day, every day, to make sure everyone experiences a safe environment. While the DPS presence reduces the likelihood for thefts to occur, it is important that each of us, as members of the community, take steps to help prevent crime. In addition, if anyone notices something or someone suspicious, immediately report the concern to DPS.

DPS is here to support everyone. If anyone would like an escort to another building or to their vehicle after dark, they are asked to contact DPS and an officer will be dispatched to assist them. If they are working late in their office and would feel safer having an officer check in occasionally, let DPS know and someone will check in from time to time. DPS also has a battery jump service for those who cannot start their vehicles.

To learn more about DPS and what is in place to maintain a safe and secure campus, check out their website at [dps.gallaudet.edu/index.html](http://dps.gallaudet.edu/index.html). ■



Gardener Pete McFadden of Grounds Services prunes a tree outside the Edward Miner Gallaudet Memorial Building. According to Carlos Navas, Grounds Services manager, the crew cuts branches on flowering trees to promote budding and removes dead limbs from non-flowering trees every year before spring.

### Corrections—

Dr. Khadijat Rashid's first name was misspelled in a page one photo caption in the March 16 issue of *On the Green*.

Luis Uriel Torres was misidentified in the March 16 issue of *On the Green*. Torres' position is program specialist with Multicultural Student Programs.

The dance group Da Jump Back is supported by the Department of Theatre Arts, not the Black Deaf Student Union, as stated in the March 16 issue.

*On the Green* regrets the errors.

## Among Ourselves

Dr. Barry Bergen, a professor in the Department of Government and History, was one of a group of history educators representing the United States at the U.S.-China Joint Education Conference in Beijing, China, November 10 to 18. He participated in panels on history education, national identity, and history education, and visited a local magnet high school to observe history classes and meet with teachers to discuss history education and the use of technology in the classroom. From March 15 to 17, Bergen chaired a panel entitled "Continuing the Revolution: French Educational Reform in the Nineteenth Century" at the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Society for French Historical Studies in Houston, Tex.



## Student Affairs Exposé

### Mental Health Center contributes to community healing efforts

By William Kachman, Ph.D. and  
Lauri Rush, Psy.D.

The Mental Health Center (MHC), which had an active role in supporting students' psychological well-being during the protests on campus last year, has joined with Team Gallaudet to promote ongoing healing efforts within the campus community.

The events on campus related to the protest increased the stress of most members of the campus community, whether they were involved in the protest or not. As the community heals, the impact of these events still affects individuals and the community as a whole and on-going support continues to be needed.

Throughout the protests, the MHC continued its primary mission of addressing the mental health needs of Gallaudet students but, in addition to providing regular services (training, counseling, and psychological assessment services), the MHC also reached out to students in unique ways. The center's director advocated for the students' mental health needs at Crisis Management Team meetings.

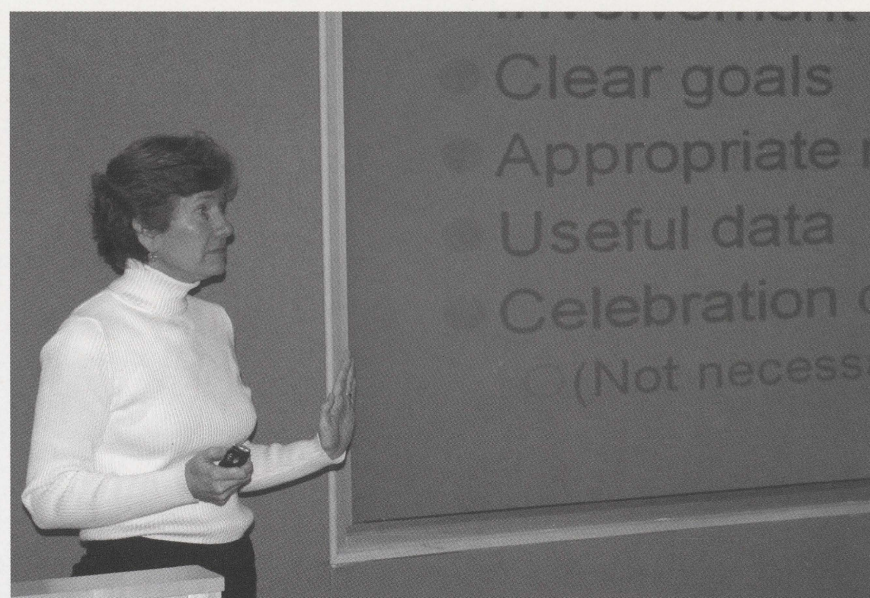
The MHC staff was on campus daily providing crisis intervention services to students on campus in HMB, the residence halls, and at the front gate; walk-in services were available to students in immediate need; MHC staff members operated the parent phone lines, reassuring parents of their children's safety and answering questions about the situation; and in response to concerns over the health and well-being of the students involved in the hunger strike, an MHC staff member checked in daily with those students. The services of the MHC were

well utilized by students.

After the protest, an additional temporary counselor was brought in so the MHC could provide increased support for students as they began to re-integrate back into their academic routines. Many experienced extra stress as they struggled to catch up on their academic responsibilities. The MHC established support groups for students that focused on strategies to help students cope with the sadness, distrust, anxiety, anger, and stress they were experiencing.

Organizational psychologists emphasize that each organization has a unique culture and will find its own path in the healing process. Some general recommendations for recovery include facilitating open and effective communication, acknowledging that the impact of the crisis on individuals will vary, empowering the whole community to contribute to the healing efforts, and returning as quickly as possible to normal operations.

As the University moves forward and recovers from the impact of these recent events, the MHC continues to contribute to Team Gallaudet's efforts to rebuild trust and a strong sense of community through its services to students. The community faces uncertainty as the administration makes changes, addresses re-accreditation, and faces other concerns. The MHC will continue to support the students during this period by providing them with a safe place to express their feelings and opinions openly in a supportive environment. More than ever, students will benefit from "getting back to the business of education," as President Davila has said, and the MHC will be there to support them in that effort. ■



Dr. Elizabeth Paul, interim provost and vice president for academic affairs at The College of New Jersey, Ewing, was the presenter and workshop facilitator for the Center for Academic Programs and Student Services' (CAPSS) spring retreat on March 12. Paul leads workshops on student learning assessment and on higher education and social change. She also serves as assessment consultant for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

## GCRC to host 24th Annual Awards and Recognition Program

The campus community is invited to the Gallaudet Community Relations Council's (GCRC) 24th Annual Awards and Recognition Program on April 14 at 3 p.m. in the Kellogg Conference Hotel. This year's theme is "Valuing the Untapped Human Essence as We Face the Challenges and Changes Ahead."

The keynote speaker for the program will be Ward 5 Councilmember Harry Thomas, Jr., who has been involved in many elements of social change in the community for close to 20 years. The Mistress of Ceremonies will be Dr. Carolyn McCaskill, an associate professor in the Department of ASL and Deaf Studies.

The purpose of the GCRC program is to award and recognize individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions toward improving the quality of life for the residents of the Near Northeast Community and strengthened the relationship between Gallaudet and the community. The council has invited community organizations to honor their members or other individuals who are deserving of such recognition.

The GCRC was organized in 1975 to provide an ongoing means of communication between the University and the community. Since its inception, the two entities have continued to foster a positive working relationship with the residents of the community through programs and activities. The council consists of representatives from the University, civic organizations, the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department, and private industry. Both the community and the University have benefited from the significant contributions made by the council.

Tickets for the program and dinner reception can be purchased from Chrisleen Dixon, [chrisleen.dixon@gallaudet.edu](mailto:chrisleen.dixon@gallaudet.edu), or call x5075 for further information. ■

## Temporary Housing Needed

Summer Clemmons, a student in the physician assistant program at Eastern Virginia Medical School, seeks housing through May 12 while she takes her clinical preceptorship in Gallaudet's Student Health Service. Clemmons is willing to rent a room or pay to share accommodations within a 30-mile radius of the University. She can be contacted at [sumpa2b@yahoo.com](mailto:sumpa2b@yahoo.com).

## Notes from Personnel

### Service awards for March

#### Five years:

**Edenilsa Blanco**, custodian, Custodial Services; **Lauralynn Helms-Salit**, coordinator, Student Programs, Campus Life; **Ellen Knight**, custodian, Custodial Services

#### Ten years:

**Nebiyu Nega**, carpenter's helper, Maintenance Services

#### Twenty years:

**Mary Weiner**, associate professor, Psychology

#### Twenty-five years:

**David Edelen**, energy management specialist, Systems and Operations; **Leroy Cofield**, mechanic, Maintenance Services

### New employees hired in February:

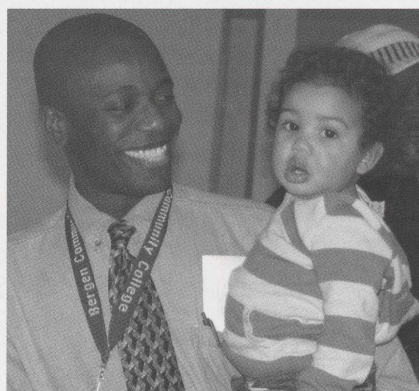
**Kathleen Aiple**, administrative secretary, English; **Nabil Al Jamal**, communications specialist, Department of Public Safety; **Crystal Gray**, public safety guard, Department of Public Safety; **Jennifer Grinnell**, manager, Counseling, Assessment, and Social Work Services; **Tanya Holmes**, teacher aide, KDES Assistant Principal (extended temporary); **Dale Withrow**, VRS interpreter I, GIS-VRS

### Promotions in February:

**Kafi Lemons**, administrative secretary, Math and Computer Science

### Retirements in February

**Michael Karchmer**, Gallaudet Research Institute; **Kenneth Kurlychek**, Office of the Director, Information Systems and Computer Support, Clerc Center



LEFT: Mark Amisshah, internship and employment advisor with the Career Center, poses with his daughter, Anaya, at the It Takes a Village to Raise a Black Deaf Child conference, held March 2 to 4 at Gallaudet and hosted by the D.C. Area Black Deaf Advocates (DCABDA) and Gallaudet's Black Deaf Student Union as a Black History Month activity. The theme of the conference was Weaving Our Future, and focused on issues facing parents and educators in raising deaf children of color. The activities included a keynote address by Dr. Ava Morrow, associate professor of biology; a full day of workshops; a soul food dinner; the Inspirational Deaf Dance Concert; and films provided by the performing arts group Invisible Hands, Inc., that were by and about black deaf people. The event's organizers included Dorian Fletcher, a Gallaudet alumnus and DCABDA member, who chaired the event; Dr. Laurene Simms, professor of education;

and Fred Beam, founder of Invisible Hands, Inc., who served as coordinator of entertainment. Beam said the organizers chose the theme because "we believe that in the past when we were scattered, we were weak and lost. With progress, we have learned to come together in many ways. In the future, we are aiming for a more unified community with better resources." Fletcher explained that this was the third event of its kind and he hoped to continue attracting members of the local African American deaf community. He saw the theme as a rallying point. "We have to come together to make everything possible for our children who depend on us to make a better future for them."

BELOW: Organizers of the conference gather at the opening reception on March 2.

